

# IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Ravindra Alapati, M.D.**, a 44 year-old physician from Anaheim, California, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Alapati was charged by the Iowa Board for being disciplined by the California Medical Board after entering into a settlement agreement with the Securities and Exchange Commission to resolve a civil complaint alleging insider trading. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Alapati a Citation and Warning, ordered him to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty and he is subject to certain conditions should he practice medicine in Iowa. He has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

**Frank Joseph Filippelli, D.O.**, a 44 year-old physician from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was charged by the Board with violating Iowa law and engaging in unprofessional conduct. Dr. Filippelli pleaded guilty to a criminal charge of illegal possession of a controlled substance. Dr. Filippelli inappropriately possessed several potentially dangerous pharmaceuticals, inappropriately filmed and/or photographed consensual sexual activity at his place of work, made threatening remarks and conspired to engage in activities harmful to others. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for July 17, 2002.

**Walter Warren Mills, II, M.D.**, a 49 year-old physician from Rohnert Park, California, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Mills was charged by the Iowa Board for being disciplined by the California Medical Board for inappropriately prescribing controlled substances and failing to maintain appropriate medical records in his treatment of two patients. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Mills a Citation and Warning and he is subject to certain conditions should he practice medicine in Iowa. He has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

**Eric L. Paulson, M.D.**, a 48 year-old physician practicing in Carroll, Iowa, was charged by the Board with violating the terms of a Board Order. Dr. Paulson failed to report two criminal arrests, and his consumption of alcohol and he filed false reports with the Board. In November 1999, Dr. Paulson was arrested and charged with Domestic Assault and in May 2001, he was arrested and charged with Public Intoxication. On January 11, 1996, Dr. Paulson's Iowa medical license was placed on probation for five years due to alcohol abuse. On July 15, 1999, the Board charged Dr. Paulson with violating his Board Order when he consumed alcohol. On January 18, 2001, the Board again charged Dr. Paulson for violating the terms his Board Order when he failed to comply with the Board's drug screening program. The Board ordered Dr. Paulson to pay a \$7,500 fine. A hearing in this matter is set for July 17, 2002.

**Jerald J. Phipps, D.O.**, a 44 year-old physician practicing in Boone, Iowa, was charged by the Board for engaging in the practice of medicine while under the influence of alcohol and with the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of alcohol. A hearing in this matter is set for July 17, 2002.

**Warren B. Scott, M.D.**, a 63 year-old physician practicing in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, was charged by the Board with professional incompetency when he failed to meet the minimum standard of care in his treatment of two patients. In the first case, Dr. Scott failed to appropriately evaluate an expectant mother and initiated delivery of her child prematurely. In the second case, Dr. Scott failed to appropriately rule-out meningitis in a five month-old child when treatment for a viral illness failed, resulting in unnecessary delay in the diagnosis and treatment of meningitis. A hearing in this matter is set for July 17, 2002.

**Robert S. Tomas, M.D.**, a 50 year-old physician practicing in Dubuque and Dyersville, Iowa, was charged by the Board for violating Iowa law and professional incompetency. Dr. Tomas permitted the inappropriate transportation of an injured child, failed to perform an appropriate inquiry to rule out potential child abuse and failed to appropriately report potential child abuse. A hearing in this matter is set for July 17, 2002.